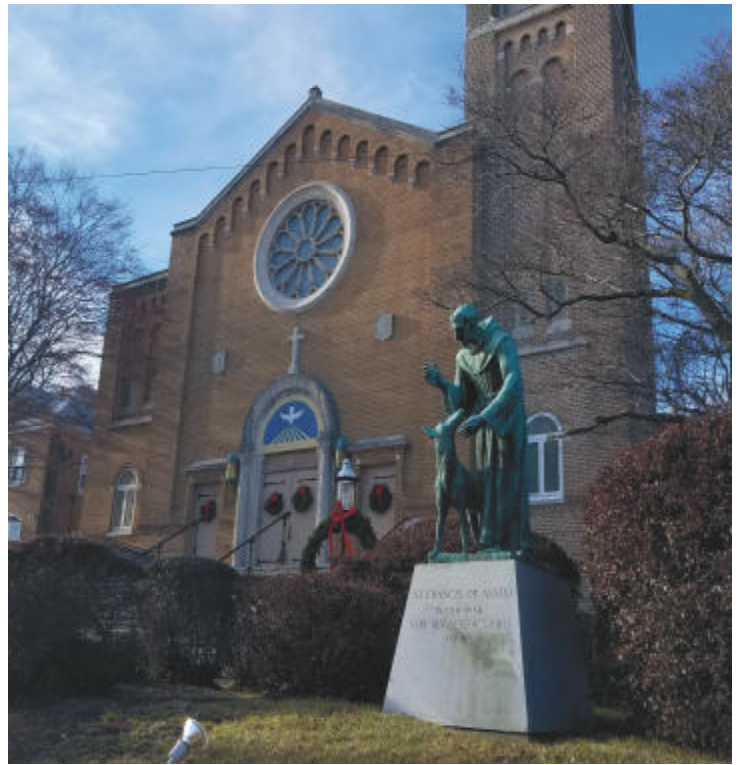


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BAPTISM

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RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession) will be celebrated on every Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM. Please call St. Emery's at 203-334-0312 to make an appointment for individual confession.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Couples must attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Conference. No booking for a reception should be finalized until an initial meeting is scheduled with Father Milan Dimic or Deacon Rudy.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Families moving into the parish should register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of Sacraments and Sponsorship Certificates will only be extended to Registered/Sustaining Parishioners.

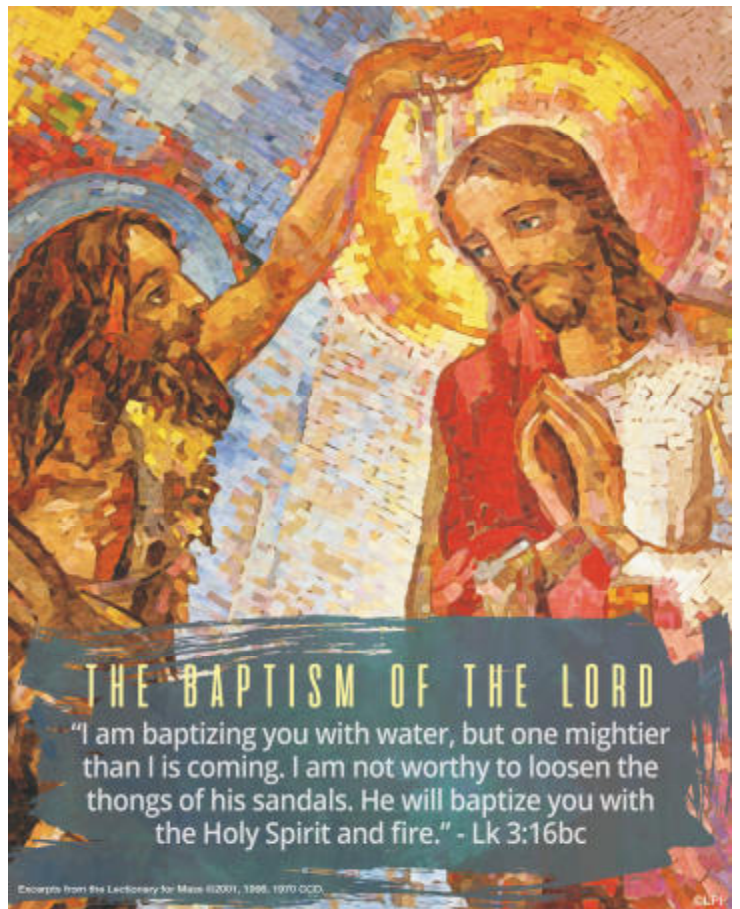
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for pastoral visits and Communion calls to the sick. Emergency sick calls are made at any time.

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LITURGICAL LIFE
EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)
Saturday Evening (Vigil) 4:30PM
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Daily - Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 020311, 1996, 1970 OGD.

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

Saturday, Jan. 12—Christmas Weekday

4:30 PM Roger Legare rb Nick & Lauren Pekar

Sunday, Jan. 13—Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM Fr. Robert Nemeth rb John Lazowski
 11:00 AM Deceased family and friends of Irene Toth

Monday, Jan. 14—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM Special intention for Stephani Psenicnik rb J. Psenicnik

Tuesday, Jan. 15—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM Living and deceased of the Visinski Family

Wednesday, Jan. 16—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM Judge Dan Caruso rb Dr. Patricia Richard

Thursday, Jan. 17—St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Friday, Jan. 18—Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, Jan. 19—Ordinary Weekday

4:30 PM Phillip Felinski & Charlene Duckworth rb
 Bernice Felinski

Sunday, Jan. 20—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Cynthia LeMay rb John Lazowski & Family
 11:00 AM Mary Frances Balint-German rb Joseph Ull



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in honor of the parishioners of St. Emery.

Welcome to New Members at Saint Emery's

We have been seeing new faces recently, we are happy to welcome you to our Family in Faith. Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

We ask you to remember in prayer and thought those members of our Parish family – the sick, hospitalized, homebound or elderly and nursing home residents who are unable to worship with us. May the Healing Hand of the Lord be upon them and those who care for them. Please pray for others who are ill or weak and those who hide their suffering. Please especially remember in your prayers, Miralia Torres, Terri Wasilewski, Kevin Leary, Fr. Stephen Balint, Gary Dicso, Suzanne Barnum, Helen Kautzner, Elizabeth Jando, Dorothy Rouleau, Ralph Fisco. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

Offertory Collection **December 29-30, 2018**

Total of All Masses	\$ 1798.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 162.00
Via Mail	\$ 110.00
Total Offerings	\$ 2070.00
Other Donations	\$ 131.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 60.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 191.00
Total Collections	\$ 2261.00

Offertory Collection **January 5-6, 2019**

Total of All Masses	\$ 1165.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 122.00
Via Mail	\$ 480.00
Total Offerings	\$ 1767.00
Other Donations	\$ 55.00
Initial Offering	\$ 435.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 90.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 300.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 538.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 1418.00
Total Collections	\$ 3185.00

Thank You for your generosity!

Reader Schedule

January 19-20

4:30 PM Susan Gulyas—Reader
9:00 AM Kathy Sherwood —Reader
11:00 AM



January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2019

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17



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Choir News

Our choir is looking for new members. All voices high school age and older are welcome to join, and anyone interested should contact Music Director Mary Rose Garych after Mass or at **203-981-4790** or **mriwg@optonline.net**. No musical training required but all must have a love of singing! We are looking to expand the music ministry and always welcome new members.



***Adult choir rehearsals are held
Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM please join us!***

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Emery Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 23, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

January 20, 11:00 AM
February 2, 4:30 PM
February 10, 9:00 AM
February 17, 11:00 AM



ST. EMERY PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer and never in our world has there been a greater need for prayer. Our Blessed Mother begs us, particularly those with the knowledge and appreciation of the power of the Rosary, to pray everyday for peace, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, and for all those in need of God's mercy.

Pick up a Parish Rosary Program card at one of the church doors, pray the rosary during the week, fill out the back of the card, and drop the card in the collection basket the following weekend. We will keep a tally of all the rosaries prayed in our parish.

Together, as a community, let us pray for peace in our world, in our loves, and for whatever special intentions we hold in our hearts.



St. Philomena, Patroness of the Living Rosary,
pray for us!

ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

January 13, 2019

THE PARISH WEBSITE (www.stemerys.com)

News/Events

- Epiphany Mass photos posted, Jan. 6
- Christmas Cookie Walk photos posted, Dec. 8-9
- Advent celebration photos posted, Dec. 2
- St. Emery receives St. John Paul II Grant

Outreach

- St. Emery 2018 Annual Collection details posted
- The schedule for 2018 Outreach projects posted

Home Page - Website links

- A link to the Parish Facebook page
- A link to On-Line Giving through OSV
- A link to the Diocesan website
- A link to the Religious Education Facebook
- Weekly Bulletin postings

Parish Facebook - Daily Mass

Mass is recorded and streams daily on our Parish Facebook Page in addition to many other Church events and postings. Click-on the **Facebook** icon on the website *Home Page* sidebar.

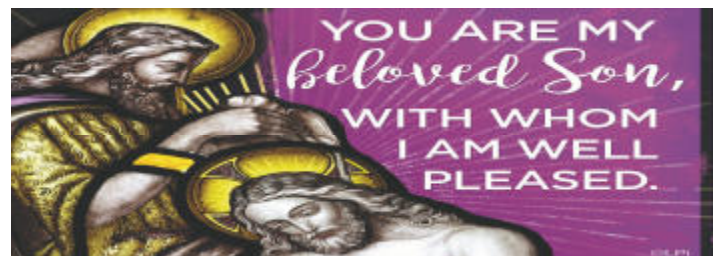


Day

- 15 Manuel Ocasio
- 18 Iliana Krasniqi
- 18 Anita Schelmetic

May God bless you on your special day!

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the parish office to update your records.





THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



Faith Formation at Home The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. A voice from Heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Father, Son and Holy Spirit are each present for this important event at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

In church

Bless yourself with the holy water in the font when you enter and leave the church as a reminder that you were baptized into God's family. Imagine God's voice saying to you, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

Question of the week

What difference does being baptized make in the choices you make?

Family Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for making us members of your family through Baptism. Amen.

Everyday Stewardship

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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